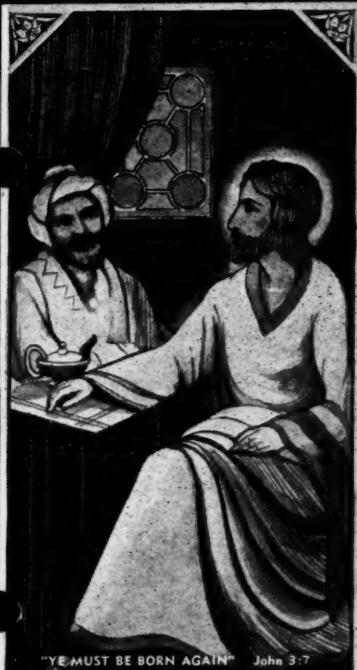


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"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16

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WHEN GOD SPEAKS

When God speaks, the high mountains tremble;
When God speaks, the loud billows roll;
When God speaks, my heart falls to list'ning
And there is response in my soul.

When God speaks, the angels obey Him;
When God speaks, all nature is stirred;
When God speaks, the hard hearts are softened,
For no sweeter voice e'er was heard.

When God speaks, the sad hush their crying;
When God speaks, the weary find rest;
When God speaks in sweet tones of comfort,
With infinite peace I am blest.

When God speaks, 'tis mine then to answer;
When God speaks, my tempest to still;
When God speaks, 'tis mine then to follow,
And following Him, do His will.

Speak to my heart,
Speak now I pray;
God of salvation and Lord of creation,
Oh speak to my heart today.

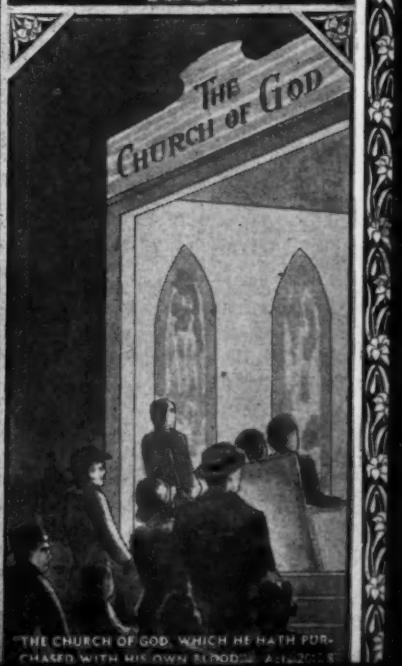
—R. B. Underwood, Mt. Gay, W. Va.



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28



The Y. P. E. banner for Mississippi was awarded to Byrds Chapel with a gain of 85, with Pisgah Springs coming in second. The Sunday School banner went to Bethel church with a gain of 94; Hattiesburg second with a gain of 46. Please notice, Y. P. E. and Sunday School secretaries and all whom it may concern, I have changed my address from Box 947 to Box 1101, so please send my mail to this box.—Roy Douglas, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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This is to notify the L. W. W. B's of Mississippi that Laurel won the state banner for the month of February.—Mrs. Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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The district convention of the Northwest district of Mississippi will convene March 31-April 2 with Bethel church, five miles west of Isola, Miss. We are asking all the churches on the district to discontinue their regular services on this date and come help make this one of the greatest conventions of this district.—M. C. Cockrell, district pastor, Shaw, Miss.

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The Church of God Sunday School and Y. P. E. rally for the Ranger, Tex. district will be held at Strawn, Tex. on March 26. All-day service; begins at 10:00 a. m. Everyone come.—Curtis Drake, district superintendent of Ranger district, Strawn, Tex.

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The Y. P. E. and Sunday School district convention for the Pulaski, Va. district will convene at Radford, Va. the third Sunday in March. Everyone is invited to attend. All the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools on the district will be expected to attend. Come with your music and singers and let's have a good time in the Lord.—Vance Perkins, pastor and district overseer; W. H. Ward, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent; Robert Faye, district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Virginia: The Sunday School banner goes to Glamorgan for the greatest increase during February. The Y. P. E. banner goes to Roanoke. This is just a young Y. P. E. but is doing good work, even against some opposition. May God bless and reward their efforts.—W. H. Ward, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent of Virginia, Box 375, Pulaski, Va.

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To all the churches and members of

the Church of God on the Matewan district: Our district convention will convene at the Church of God at N. Matewan, W. Va., March 31-April 2. Please discontinue all services at this time and come. Let's make this our greatest convention by beginning now to pray that God will meet with us and bless in a great way. We cordially invite the neighboring districts and members to come and meet with us; bring your singers and musical instruments, your presence will be appreciated. On Sunday, the last day of the convention, bring a well-filled basket of something to eat and let's spend the day in service.—H. H. Tygart, district overseer, Vulcan, W. Va.

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I am busy, but desire to reach more needy fields. Any church or community desiring a ten days' meeting anywhere any time, write me. Prefer neglected fields. I'm a candidate for some hardships.—Howard Sorrow, Jersey, Ga.

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On Easter Sunday, April 9, at the Grasshopper Church of God there will be an all-day service with good singers and speakers present in the morning and

Orphanage Day

"That a special day (Easter Sunday) be set apart as Orphanage day and that a special offering be taken to pay for the new orphanage building in Cleveland, Tenn. We further recommend that each department of the local church, Y. P. E., Sunday School and L. W. W. B. put on a special drive four weeks previous to the special day, using their own method of raising funds for said offering."—33d Assembly, pages 49, 50.—Orphanage Committee.

afternoon. We are expecting Brother S. W. Latimer. We plan to raise sufficient funds for the completion of the parsonage which is now under construction. All neighboring churches are invited. Come and bring a well-filled basket for the dinner on the ground.—C. L. Harris, pastor, Birchwood, Tenn.

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There will be a state-wide Church of God rally April 18. Come and help put our church over in this section of the state. This is a barren field here and we need your help. Let's make this the biggest rally Texas ever had. We are building a new church here, looking for a great outpouring of His Spirit on that day. If you love the Church of God, now is the time to show it. If you just can't come at all, we will accept a small offering in place of your presence. Come

or send offering.—W. C. Collins, Carizo Springs, Texas.

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Gospel tents for sale, 40 feet, bail ring style, \$125.00. Made of waterproof khaki duck. Complete (less poles). Write at once for prices, sending your specification.—V. E. Hooks, Box 155, Richmond, Ky.

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All Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendents of North Dakota, please make your reports to me at the end of each month as I can't make my reports to Headquarters if you don't. Also don't forget to send in your ten per cent of the offerings of these two departments, as this is to cover my expenses in traveling and correspondence.

All of the churches which have no Y. P. E., please let me know and I will visit you and organize one at once. Maybe you think that you can't support a Y. P. E., but if the Lord is in anything, He will attend to that and a Y. P. E. will be a blessing to your church. Please make a special effort to sell the Lighted Pathway as this is a very interesting paper and will increase the interest in the Y. P. E.

As for the S. S's, let's put forth a special effort the next few months before the Northwest camp meeting and show the world that the Church of God Sunday School is the best there is. But let's do all of these things prayerfully.

The Lord willing, we are going to start a revival in the Lignite Church of God on April 1, as we have secured the services of Brother Alvin Thompson of Gettysburg, S. Dak. for the meeting. We are expecting a good time with the Lord.

We are also going to begin a revival May 8 in the town of Halliday, N. Dak. with the writer doing the preaching. We have the new collapsible tabernacle for both of these meetings and it will seat about two hundred people. Pray that it will be full each night. North Dakota is going on for God and His Church.—J. Andrew Rafferty, North Dakota Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Lignite, N. Dak.

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We invite all neighboring churches and all others who can to come to West Helena, Ark. church March 29 to an all-day service of singing, preaching and testifying. Brother Whit Denson will be with us and we are expecting other good preachers and singers, so bring your music and singers and help us enjoy the good blessings of the Lord.—J. B. Lindley, pastor.

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To whom it may concern: My address is changed to 411 Pine St., Marion, S. C.—W. F. Patterson.

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The Message and the Messenger

BY J. A. BROWN

Judges 3:20, "I have a message from God unto thee."

I. THE MESSAGE is from God and is a life or death message. Deut. 30:15, "I have set before you life and death." It is a life message to those who gladly receive it, and a death message to those who reject it. It is a message from a king to all the world, to all nations, to every person for a witness. The great event to follow the delivery of this message is the end of the age. Matt. 24:14.

If a messenger boy should bring a message prepaid to your door and you should refuse the message, what would your neighbors think of you? I guess they would say, "You act foolish," and it would be true. Or what would you think of one who offered an excuse like this, "I would receive the message, but I don't like the messenger boy," or "If he had come in a new car instead of on a bicycle I would consider the message"? That, too, would sound foolish, yet I fear there are those who fail to accept God's message because the messenger doesn't suit them.

I remember when the first Holy Ghost message came to me, it was so wonderful to me, especially when the messenger explained that the blessing was for me. I had never seen the messenger before nor have I seen him many times since. I think he is no longer with this movement, but the message he brought to me twenty-three years ago holds good, and I esteemed him for his work's sake. Up to this time I had been told by word or act that the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance was not for us in these days, but this message which was part of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, found at Acts 2:39, I consider the greatest message that ever came to me, though I had experienced that part of the message found in Psa. 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." It was so good to me that when I heard that I could be filled, I naturally wanted some more. If everyone would desire the things of God as they do natural food, we would see more people filled with the Holy Ghost. Matt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be FILLED."

I cannot understand why those who have had a taste of the things of God do not want more. Many people have indigestion and have to be careful about their eating. The way many folks act they must have spiritual indigestion. They pass by so much of the good food found in the Word of God. They are afraid it will hurt them. I was told that it would hurt me. Some of my dear friends

told me it would hurt my business and my reputation if I should go the holiness way. These friends were ignorant concerning the things of God. If one desires to be strong let him be filled and keep putting on the things of God. There was not much spiritual life about me at the time this message reached me, but I was hungry and that was a blessed condition, for they didn't have to beg me to eat. I fear that there are many who were once good, healthy Christians who have died spiritually during the last twenty-five or thirty years, for the reason they have refused this last-day message of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, divine healing, etc. All who do not walk in the light go back in darkness, and that means death, spiritually.

Millions were hungry for this message and have received the experience, while there are other millions who were not and are not now in a good, healthy, spiritual condition. They have turned down the message and are now wandering around as did the children of Israel in the wilderness. They are trying to carry on, but at the same time are in a dying condition. Israel turned down God's message to go over into the promised land, but they were afraid of the giants over there and turned back into the wilderness where God let them wander until they died. After all these old cowards were out of the way, Caleb and Joshua were able to lead thousands of the younger generation over into the good land. I believe God will do the same thing again. When all or at least thousands of holiness fighters and rejecters die out and get out of the way, it will be a better day for Holy Ghost revivals. Jesus found this same class of people who hindered His work. Matt. 23:13, "Ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering (or those who would) to go in."

II. THE MESSENGER. His position is a very responsible one because he is to carry life and death messages. When the telegraph company wants a messenger boy, I am sure there are some qualifications required. Some of them would be, he would have to be vigilant, sober, of good behavior, hospitable, no striker, patient, no brawler and have a good report. These requirements are expected of employees by any good business man. God also requires these and other qualifications of His messenger. Some of which are, he must be blameless, apt to teach, not greedy of filthy lucre, not covetous; he must give attendance to reading and to study. The true messenger of God, like a good soldier of his country, should not entangle himself with the affairs of this

life, but it is his task to please Him who hath chosen him, 1 Tim. 2:4. The messenger of God should be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity, 1 Tim. 4:12. He should be able to handle the messages or the Word of God as a good carpenter does his tools, so as not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Where does the messenger boy get messages? He must wait for them at the station where they come in. He must be ready to deliver any message that is given to him. He would not dare to question the propriety of the message or even hesitate to deliver any message, though it should be a death message which would bring sadness to some one. I fear there are some so-called messengers of God who draw back and refuse to deliver certain messages. Jonah was one who drew back and refused to deliver God's message to Nineveh, but when God got through with him he was glad to carry the message. Many messengers are like Jonah who was concerned about his own reputation. After he delivered the message and the people repented and God saved them, it made Jonah angry. He felt like he had been let down and was humiliated, because he didn't want to be called a false prophet. He said, "Lord, take my life for it is better for me to die than to live." We find a class of people at the time of Christ's ministry who "loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." They "believed on him" but would not confess Him "lest they should be put out of the synagogue," John 12:42, 43.

Any messenger who refuses to deliver any message found in God's Word is not a true messenger. He is not true to his flock nor to his God. Any minister who refuses to deliver a message because it is not popular, and is afraid his folks will not receive it gladly, is not worthy to be called a messenger of God. It seems to me that such messengers would fit in the class mentioned at Rev. 22:18, 19. If any man shall take away from the words of the Book—God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city. Many ministers are wilfully withholding some of the messages of the Bible from their folks because of one or more of the following reasons: For the sake of filthy lucre, or because they love the praise of men more than the praise of God, or to save themselves from persecutions.

Just a few words about where the messenger is to get his messages. Messengers of God may get the message in the secret chamber on their knees, or in the study of God's Word, from their meditation on the things of God at night upon their bed. God has a storehouse of messages. If we don't get the message, it will not be God's fault. God will back up any

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toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Luke 24:50; Acts 1:10, 11.

"But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming," 1 Cor. 15:23.

This verse explains more thoroughly the order of the first resurrection. There has been almost two thousand years since Christ and those with Him came forth as the firstfruits, and the next great event will be the main harvest or resurrection when Christ shall descend on the clouds of heaven and the dead in Christ shall rise first. That means that all who will have died in the faith and received the blessings that will give them the right to come forth in the first resurrection will arise. Those that are alive and remain will be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye and be caught up together with those who come forth and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

We feel sure that this great event is just ahead of us and might take place any day.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years," Rev. 20:6.

THE MAIN HARVEST

In speaking of the resurrections, we learn from studying Paul's letters to the churches that some taught that the first resurrection had already passed, and had overthrown the faith of some. But from the reading of the verses just given, the first resurrection began when Christ arose. We learn from reading Lev. 23: 15-17 that fifty days after the offering of the firstfruits of the harvest they were to reap down their fields, and were to offer the main offering. The loaves for this offering were to be baked with leaven. This is also called the firstfruits unto the Lord. This corresponds to 1 Thess. 4:14-17, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." This is the main resurrection and corresponds to the main harvest.

EDITORIALS

The First Resurrection

Text, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept," 1 Cor. 15:20.

In order for us to more thoroughly understand the resurrection we will have to take the law of harvests given by the Lord to the children of Israel. There are two resurrections spoken of in the Bible, and three judgments. Christ will take a part in the resurrections and two of the judgments.

THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THE HARVEST

"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it," Lev. 23:10, 11.

The Jewish harvest was a type of the different phases of the first resurrection. The Lord told the children of Israel when they came into the land they should offer to the Lord a wave offering of the firstfruits of their harvest. They selected the best spots of their harvest, cut down some handfuls and took them up to the priest and he waved these before the Lord. Then they beat out the grain, kneaded it, baked it in loaves, and took it to the house of the Lord. This was for the priests or ministers. There was leaven put into the firstfruits of the harvest. This represents Christ and those who were resurrected after He arose from the dead.

"And, behold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent, and the graves were opened;

and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many," Matt. 27:51-53.

Those who arose after Christ rose from the dead, represent all the prophets and teachers who had kept the laws and commandments of God and died triumphant in the faith before Christ arose. These verses prove that they had some resemblance of their bodies before death because they appeared unto many. This of course infers that they knew them. Christ and those who arose with Him were the firstfruits of the resurrection.

THE MAIN HARVEST

"And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God," Lev. 23:22.

The Lord also made provision for the poor by telling the lords of the harvest that they should not make clean riddance of the corners of the fields, but this was to be for the poor. When Ruth gleaned in the field of Boaz, he told the young men to drop handfuls for her.

Now we are sure that the gleanings of the harvest represent the tribulation saints. The main resurrection will take place just before the seven years' tribulation and the gleanings of the harvest represent the saints who will die or give their lives for Christ during the tribulation week. "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them, and it was said unto them,

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Let the Bible Go Through You

A friend remarked that a member of his church, with an air of pride, came to him and said, "I have been through the Bible five times this year." His pastor looked at him a little while and then queried, "How often has the Bible been through you?"

He reads and hears God's Word well who seeks to realize it in his life. More knowledge of God's Word will be gained by a single effort to live one of its commands than a year of reading with no effort to keep the Word of God. Trusting a promise will enable one to know its sweetness far better than to commit it to memory.—*Reformed Church Record.*

There is room in Africa for the United States, all Europe, India, and China. The continent is 6,000 miles long and 4,000 miles from east to west.

When David Livingstone entered Africa over fifty years ago little else was known but its coast line. Today it is being gridironed with railroads and its commerce is reaching the world.

Africa is a continent of fears. Her people are bowed down by generations of witchcraft, cannibalism, poverty, vice, disease, superstitions, theft, polygamy, and murder.

If a man should preach every day to 10,000 Africans, not one of whom has heard of Christ, it would take him sixty-five years to tell the gospel to all the inhabitants who are in darkness.—*Sel.*

The Christian's Joy

It was the wish of Jesus for His disciples that His joy "might be in them," and that their "joy might be full." John 15:11.

A gracious portion of the joy of the Lord is the experience of every true Christian. Joy and gladness, not from pleasant circumstances or because of our accomplishments, but because of our relationship to Jesus and what we have in Him as our Redeemer and Savior.

New Converts Have This Joy

Among the many things recorded in connection with Philip's great revival in Samaria "there was great joy in that city." Acts 8:8. After the eunuch was met by Philip and saved and baptized, he went on his way rejoicing; and so all who find Jesus follow in the way rejoicing.

Rejoicing Because Our Names Are Written in Heaven

Jesus told His disciples to rejoice be-

cause their names were written in heaven. Sins forgiven, cleansed, fellowship with the Lord, and His constant blessings and favor are all reasons for rejoicing.

"Rejoice Evermore"

This is the command of the Apostle Paul. The disciples rejoiced and caused rejoicing as they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They rejoiced in times of persecution and suffering. They rejoiced and sang praises in the prison. They rejoiced amid trying and difficult circumstances.

And so it is ever with the people of God. They live here in a world, dark and trying because of sin and sorrow, but they possess a joy that is "unspeakable and full of glory." And when their faithful testimony and labors are done here they will be called to enter into the joy of the Lord where they will enjoy the presence of Him who is their chief joy evermore.

"He Is Not With Me"

The man who is not a Christian Rejects Jesus Christ the only Savior; He ignores the fact that he is a lost sinner,

Casts his lot on the side of Christ's enemies,

Runs a risk of the eternal loss of his soul,

Exerts an influence against Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

The Coming Crisis—What It Means

The Word of God pictures a time of distress and trouble for the last days, surpassing anything that the world has ever seen.

Isaiah says that God is coming "out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and that there will not be burial to cover the slain." Isa. 26:19-21.

Jeremiah says that God is going to "call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the land," that He has "a controversy with the nations." "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." Jer. 25:15-33.

Daniel says there is to be "a time of trouble, such as never was since there

was a nation." Dan. 12:1.

Jesus said there would be a time of tribulation such as never has been and if those days lasted long no flesh would be left. He further pictures a time of signs and wonders and general distress on earth preceding His coming back to earth again. Matt. 24:21-22; Luke 21:24-34.

Paul and Peter and Jude and John all refer to a time of outbroken sin followed by judgment for the last days. John describes the slaughter of one-fourth of the earth's population under the going forth of the pale horse. Rev. 6:8. And again one-third of men are slain by the army of horsemen described in Rev. 9:14-19. Jesus and His disciples describe the end of the dispensation as coming in a climax of trouble, wickedness, and judgment.

The earth's rulers, political leaders, and men of affairs, in general, the world over, certainly have something to think of today. Only a short time can the world continue as it is now. A great crisis is on. To the Christian it means:

1. The return of Jesus. Matt. 24:33-41; Luke 21:24-34.
2. The rapture of the saints. Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 4:15-17.
3. The great tribulation. Dan. 12:1; Rev. 6-9.
4. The rise of Antichrist. 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Rev. 13-19.
5. The return of God's ancient people, Israel, to God's favor and to Palestine, their proper place on earth. Psa. 102:16; Hosea 3:4, 5; Zech. 12:1-14; Rom. 11:25, 26; Rev. 7.
6. God's earthly kingdom soon to be set up. Amos 9:11-15; Zech. 8:1-8; Matt. 6:10; 19:28; 2 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 11:15; 20:1-4.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

NOTICES

There will be a home coming at the Church of God in Spartanburg, S. C. the fourth Sunday in March, the 26th. We request that all members be present in person, if possible. If not, please report by letter telling of your whereabouts and spiritual condition. We invite all former pastors to be with us on that day. This will be an all-day service with dinner on the ground. The public is cordially invited.—C. W. Dempsey, pastor, 3 Tennent St., Spartanburg, S. C.

We will begin a revival at the Hueytown Church of God March 12 with Brother H. R. Morehead. All neighboring churches are invited to come help and pray for God to send us a genuine heaven-born revival.—Harry Kutz, pastor, Hueytown Station, Bessemer, Ala.

News From the MISSION FIELD

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Lord Blessing in Barbados, B. W. I.

ELLERTON'S, St. George, Barbados, B. W. I.—Dear Church of God family, throughout the wide world, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I wish to give God a high note of praise for His wonderful blessings to us, His people, during the past year, and for the bountiful blessings He has been showering upon us since the new year began.

Early on New Year's morning a large number of the saints left by bus to accompany fifteen candidates who were, that morning, to follow their Lord in water baptism. We had a most wonderful time on the beach during the baptismal service, when along with our fifteen, sixteen others were also baptized. Leaving the beach after the service, we returned to Ellertons where we had a reception meeting, when the newly baptized members were given the right hand of fellowship.

Then we had a glorious service in which twenty who had backslidden were reclaimed. Afterwards we had the ordinance of the Lord's Supper and feet washing, in which eighty persons took part. A real revival spirit came upon the saints, so the good work goes on, and up till now fifteen more have been saved. To God be all the glory. We surely have been richly blessed, and have become more determined than ever before to do all we can during this year to reach the unsaved and to win souls for Jesus. Dear ones, pray for your brethren at Ellertons, that God will continue to make us channels of blessings. We will also remember you at the throne of grace.—His and yours in glad happy service, Elder D. Adams, pastor.

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Bethany Mission,
Shantung, China

Dearly beloved brethren, in words we can not thank you for the joy that came to us on Sunday, the 15th inst. We were at church as the postman came and never before did it happen that he walked up to the pulpit laying down the letter. My heart leaped with joy so I opened it before closing, and gave out the greetings to all. That led to a long season of prayer. Many stayed on their knees till the night service. A dear old sister spent all night in prayer in the church. Truly God will not overlook this gift. I plan to go to the city tonight, but do not know if there will be a train. Today we have some Japanese soldiers in our town. This

always gives great fear. Many came to church and prayed. Brethren, we do need more workers, but it is hard to find one that is ready and willing to walk the Church of God way. Pray for us and with us. We shall not fail you. There is a suitable house that would make a good church. The Lord has shown it to me and we pray that we will get help to buy it for the Church of God. It needs repair but about \$100.00 would take care of all.

We are marching on the road to victory. Our heavenly Father gives us many souls to take care of. Oh, pray for us as we shall pray for you. Again with great love to all, Paul C. Pitt.

Haiti Enjoys Spiritual Awakening

BY PAUL H. WALKER,
Foreign Mission Field Representative,
Box 501, Lake Worth, Fla.

It is now 12:30 a. m., and as I sit in the home of Brother and Sister Kluzit I can hear the shouting, screaming, the beating of drums (crude ones) and the shaking of gourds by the Mardi Gras voodoo as they celebrate the closing days of the year just before Lent. They are dressed in all manner of hideous garbs and masks. They are grouped all over the city of Port-au-Prince in small groups, slowly walking from one street to the other and dancing a disrespectful, vulgar, obscene dance as they go. Yes, little children of six and seven are among them, learning the vileness of the awful actions and manner which they twist and turn their bodies,—little children and mothers and fathers who never heard the gospel story and many who never heard the name of Jesus in their lives. This is Haiti, the island of mountains. In their Mardi Gras they imitate the Christian church, but instead of praying to God and using the name of Jesus, they use the name of the devil. They take our songs and sing them and put devil in where Jesus is and imitate our ministers, and apparently have no limit to themselves. The dance here started Saturday, it continued all day Sunday and now it is Monday night, after midnight, and still it is going strong and will last all day tomorrow. All stores will be closed in Haiti and a legal holiday proclaimed. It has been in times past that the masked crowd would rush their enemy, surround him, and some one would stab him to death, then the crowd disperse and the guilty party would never be found. But the most is done in in-

nocence as they do not know about the Lord or the judgment. They know nothing about heaven or hell to speak of. So by this you can judge the great need of the gospel in Haiti, just about five hundred and fifty miles from Florida. Many more things I could state about the conditions here but you will be interested to know what the Church of God is doing.

MY RECEPTION

Brother and Sister Kluzit met me at the plane in Port-au-Prince and I was taken to their home, then to the church, Bible school and orphanage where I was met with a great big welcome by young and old. We had a short service. The orphans gave recitations of welcome, etc., and sang in French and English. My, how they did sing and how bright their faces shone! The Bible school rendered special singing and made good talks and recitations. This was followed by refreshments. We surely had an enjoyable afternoon and I was made to realize that the Church of God is in Haiti for sure.

ORPHANAGE

A lady by the name of Miss Doris Burke maintained an orphanage of about twenty-five little boys and girls. Financial reverses came and she had to let some of the orphans go. She went to the authorities for assistance and was told to let them go back in the streets where they came from. (Yes, to starve, become diseased, and finally die and go to a Christless grave.) She then found the Church of God. Brother and Sister Kluzit took them in and, dear ones, I wish you could see them. Sister Burke is now in the Church and so are the orphans and they will some day, if Jesus tarries, help to spread the gospel in Haiti.

HAITI'S BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

The second three months' term of Bible school opens Tuesday. We are going to have about twenty-five students and if money was available we could have *five hundred!!* The students, many of them, of the first term, have gone to their homes to preach in their home church, and others are traveling among the churches as evangelists, and the fruit of their labor is certainly showing. When I visited the missions I could easily tell where the Bible students had been and where they had not been for where they had been the church had about twice the spiritual life. Young men and women are being trained in Haiti to tell to that dark island the wonderful story of Jesus and His love. Aren't you glad you have a part in this by helping in your mission offering? I tell you, this Bible school work here is laying a foundation for the future that will mean hundreds of souls for the Lord. We may not reap much financial returns but our motto should be, "The world for Christ and Christ for the world," and we are ex-

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NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ON THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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REVIVALS

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—We have closed a two weeks' revival here at Horseshoe. Brother W. B. Vance of Shell Creek, Tenn., did the preaching and he surely preached with power. There were not any conversions, but the gospel surely was preached and the good seed sown. This is a new field for the Church of God as the people of this place, most of them, don't believe in church government. They claim the Church of God and preach a clean, pure sanctified life, but don't believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and church government. A few were made to believe, and some have the blessing. Thank the Lord. All you good saints of God, please get this place on your heart and pray much for us here, that we will have a real Church of God. Pray for my husband and me, that we will stay humble and do the Lord's will at all times.—Your sister, Mrs. Samuel M. Estep, R. F. D. 2.

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Dear Evangel readers: I want to send a word of praise for the three weeks' revival we have just had here with Brother J. B. Merritt, district evangelist, in charge, assisted by the pastor, Brother W. C. Swilley. The Lord surely did bless. The Holy Ghost took charge at times. The meeting did us all good, we had a wonderful time, praise the Lord. Sixteen were saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the Church and seven baptized in water. Oh, how we praise God for this meeting.

Please pray for us here. We need a larger building and God is able to give us one, bless His name.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. J. A. Hamilton, Nashville, Ga.

Sometimes we disqualify ourselves for service to others by talking too much about others.

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★ YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ★

Young People, Be Careful

Mrs. A. E. Hart, Rt. 2, McRae, Ga.

Dear young people, I am writing you just a few words in love, regard and sympathy for you. I lingered along through many years of sin but the past two years of my life have been the happiest years I ever spent. I am now asking God to undertake for me as I go through this life.

I just want to say to the girls, Take mother's advice and stay at home. Don't go to the dance hall, to the ballroom or to the theater, because there is always someone waiting to lead you down into the very degradation of hell. Then you would look back and say, Oh, if I had just listened to mother; but mother's gone, I am lost where no mercy or hope can ever reach me.

When you dear girls and boys are away mother is praying for you. One day God will plead His last time. You will have your last call. Then it will be too late. You are now on mercy's side of eternity; still have a chance to win life eternal. There's no time to lose. He said that He came to seek and to save that which was lost but He also said that in the last days there would be false teachers, and they are going abroad in the land now. Take heed lest you fall into divers temptations. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4:3, 4.

You must become as a little child to enter into the kingdom of heaven. You may go on in folly and fun and pleasure and rowdy ways but there is an all-seeing eye watching you. He knows every secret thought and it will be marked against you at the judgment. When you come before the Great Judge there will be a record of everything you have said and done. But oh, if you will only accept Christ as your personal Savior. He said today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart. Tomorrow it may be too late. Oh, that awful sentence, Depart from me, ye cursed, for I never knew you.

Take heed, dear boys and girls; listen to mother and father. They will not advise you to do anything wrong, but there is one just outside the door to lead you astray. Sin is just outside. You don't have to be an outlaw; you don't have to steal; you don't have to murder. Sin is just outside waiting to enter in. There is some poor soul hungry for God to

come into their lives but the enemy says, "Just wait another day," and maybe before tomorrow they will be called out to meet God unprepared, lost and gone where mercy can never reach them.

No doubt, if those who have gone on could call back the time, they would give their hearts and lives to God; but it is too late. Death with its icy hand has taken hold of them. You may plead, "Death, please give me time to reason," but you have heard preaching, you have heard praying, and wouldn't heed, you walked away and now as long as God in heaven shall dwell you shall burn in hell.

I praise God for His precious healing power. He has healed me so many times and put me on my feet again. My tongue is too weak to tell what He has done for me. He spilled His precious blood to redeem us from our sins and I am looking forward to meeting Him in peace when I leave this world. I can look back and say, "Farewell, vain world," and wipe my weeping eyes. Pray that I may meet my blessed Savior in peace.

Clinging Fingers

Have you ever heard of what well-seasoned saints in earlier days called "living the detached life"? It is a very real thing, particularly after one has had "clinging fingers" for various earthly objects; and God has tenderly but firmly loosened the grasp from those very objects however dear to the heart. Perhaps you still hold them, but more loosely now, with a heart centered in Him, remembering those words of Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above . . . Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

There is a story of the tiny lad whose hand was caught in a priceless vase belonging to his mother. Anxious to preserve the vase the mother gently tugged at the little hand in an effort to release the imprisoned member. All to no avail! Finally she said, "Sonny, are you holding your fingers out straight when I pull?" "No, muvver" came the answer, "I tant, or I'll lose my free pennies." Clinging fingers and three pennies were that ladie's price of liberty. But the situation understood, mother soon solved the difficulty for all concerned. Do not God's children oftentimes lose the fullness of their glorious blood-bought liberty in a very similar manner?

Did you ever hold an object so tightly that you felt the impress of your fingernails in the palm of your hand? This

very thing can happen to your heart also. You can hold a treasure—friend or object—so closely that you will only hurt yourself. You will become blinded to the real value of living, and the balance of true consecration to God. Pressing the natural so closely will cut the sweetness and closeness of communion with the only One who ever loved you enough to die in your stead—Jesus.

If you really give Him first place, hold precious the trysting time with Him in prayer and His Word and honor His claim on time or strength above any other—you will find yourself more perfectly adjusted to the other relationships of life. You will be a better friend, employee, daughter, sister, lover. Like discovering the key to a puzzle, perplexing combinations will be simplified and adjusted when He is considered first. The very fact that you are seeking His glory will make you self-forgetful and conscious of others' welfare.

Some have clung tenaciously only to find the treasure wither in their clasp, and one day the clinging fingers relaxed to reveal only ashes. We often doom the very idol, or treasure, by clinging too closely to it. It has been said, "What we hold we lose; what we give we keep." It sounds strange, but it is true. Do you cherish that friendship, that alabaster box? Loosen from it your feverish, over-eager fingers. Ask God to hold the treasure at His own wise disposal, then rest in His love and find how beautifully He keeps that which you have committed unto Him against that day.

No more worry lest you lose the treasure, for it is in His keeping; no more divided heart and double vision, for He is first; no more grieving over idols torn from your clinging fingers, for whatever comes is His appointment and there is no disappointment in His precious will. This is "the detached life"—good for old and young.—*The Elim Evangel*.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—I am proud to say with a heart full of truth that I know I was born again June 8, 1936, and had a great desire planted in my heart to go all the way with my Savior.

I was thirteen when I was saved, am sixteen now, and if I live to be one hundred years old I still expect to be serving my Master. I am so glad that I know there is something to this salvation because it will clean you up from the world and keep you cleaned up. I know that I have been sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus and the Holy

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REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years."
Hab. 3:12.

NEWVILLE, Pa.—We are glad to report that we just closed a successful revival conducted by Brother Walter Skutar of Aliquippa, Pa., and we still have a revival spirit in our midst. One has been saved since the revival closed.

Please pray for the healing of a man and his daughter whom we have been holding on to God for. We have been holding prayer service in their home and God is blessing. Four or five are seeking salvation. It will mean much for these dear ones to be healed. Please pray earnestly that God will undertake. —R. P. Walker and wife, Broad St.

FOXWORTH, Miss.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at our church (Mt. Sinai) with our pastor, Brother Dewitt Sharpe, and the good Holy Ghost in charge. There were at least forty saved, thirty-eight sanctified, thirty-five filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty added to the church, for which we thank God. Such sweet fellowship and unity prevailed throughout the revival. Messages were given out during the revival to warn us His coming is near at hand. From fifty to eighty precious souls were in the sacred altar every night, and God would bring them there seized with conviction. Several nights the Holy Ghost took charge and as many as five would get the blessing in one night. Oh, praise the Lord, there was shouting in the camps.

We appreciate our new pastor, Brother Dewitt Sharpe, and family, lately of Bogalusa, La. If God ever had a hand in sending a pastor to a place, it was here. He is an all-round man, never meets a stranger but has something to say and a smile to give. He is a consecrated man, full of God and the Holy Ghost and fire. They've visited homes that have never had a Church of God preacher in them. God said He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. It means something to be a real child of God but we can be one if we wait on the Lord.

Last but not least, on Saturday night Sister Geneva Morgan of Morgantown, Miss. came out and organized a Y. P. E. Brother Sharpe delivered a short message after which we had sacrament and feet washing. Some rejoiced by crying, shouting, leaping and praising God. The Lord's presence was there in a wonderful way. The house was packed to its full capacity.

Sunday night brought our revival to a close, when twenty marched up with God's glory on their faces to be baptized in water. Well, we're all so thankful. Just pray for us.—Mrs. G. W. Morgan, Rt. 1.

PINE HILL, Ky.—An eight days' meeting has just closed at Pine Hill schoolhouse with Brother A. A. Profit of Brodhead doing the preaching. The Lord met with us in those services. Miracles were performed; the preacher took the top off a red hot heating stove in his hands and shouted up and down the aisle and received no burn. Some were so astonished they left the house. This is a hard place as there aren't many saints. There were three converted and sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, one baptized in water and four added to the church. Please pray for this place.—McKenley Kirby.

ST. STEPHENS, S. C.—I praise the Lord for our wonderful revival. The Lord blessed and some were saved and sanctified. Sister Webber and Sister Reece did the preaching when the Holy Ghost didn't preach. The power fell nearly every night and sinners were made to tremble. We thank the Lord for their coming this way. We also thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Munn; He is a God-sent man and is a humble servant for God. I praise God for salvation and for being divinely healed. Pray for our church and this place. Six were added to the church during our revival. Pray for the Lord to undertake for me and provide me with work. Pray that the Lord will save my boys, and don't forget to pray for me that I may be a blessing to someone.—Mrs. W. B. Merideth.

FORT TOWSON, Okla.—We thank the Lord for the revival conducted by Brothers Charles M. Barrett, our pastor, and W. C. Payne. It was one of the best revivals held here in quite a while. Two were saved, three sanctified and one added to the church. The church was built up spiritually. Last night four were added to the church. We thank God because He is working and the Holy Ghost is falling. We thank the Lord for our pastor; he is a real pastor and the church all love him and his dear wife, also our assistant pastor, W. C. Payne. Pray for us.—Mrs. Ola Mate.

CLAYTON, N. Mex.—We praise the Lord for the two weeks' revival that closed here Jan. 29, conducted by our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother J. C. McClendon, of Jal, N. Mex. He was assisted by Brother Harris, a Free Pentecost preacher, and our good pastor, Brother Otha Anderson. We were glad to have our district overseer, Brother A. G. Hopkins, and family of Sedan, N. Mex., with us. The Word went forth under the anointing of God. Church members were greatly encouraged by the blessing of the Lord. Some were healed, some saved, and some were seeking a deeper walk with the Lord when the meeting closed. We enjoyed

some special singing by the Pentecostal Holiness young people, also Brother McClendon. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife; they are trying their best to put the work over the top for our soon coming King. We ask an interest in your prayers for the work at Clayton.—Bernice Spencer, clerk, 422 Hickory St.

SHREVEPORT, La.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here held Feb. 4-19 with Brother W. F. Ainsworth, state evangelist of Louisiana, doing the preaching. The Lord blessed us very much. Brother Ainsworth organized a Sunday School with nineteen members. This is a new field; no Church of God has ever been here, and although there were little visible results of our meeting there was much interest shown in the Church of God. Pray that the Lord will have His way and soon we shall have a real Church of God in Shreveport.—Mrs. N. K. Shamlian.

OPEKISKA, W. Va.—The Beechwood church closed a revival Sunday night, Feb. 19, at the National schoolhouse. Nineteen were saved, seven sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water and four added to the church. Brother M. W. Patterson was the evangelist. The preaching was good and Brother Patterson was greatly loved by the people. The saints were encouraged to go on for God. Pray for us. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing on the last day. We had a gracious service each time.—John F. Brand, clerk, Box 34.

In the Evening of Time

BROOKWOOD, Ala.—To my many friends and loved ones in Alabama, I am still enjoying the full blessing. I have been in this good old upward way over thirteen years but I am not tired of this sweet and precious way. I have no desire to turn back, for, dear reader, what hope does anyone have who stays in sin and backslides from the only right way.

We must be all for Jesus or all for Satan. The Word tells us we cannot serve two masters. Read Rom. 8; St. John 17; also St. John 8. The eighth chapter is what convinces me that those who are not for God wholly are the servants of sin as we see the condition of this old world today and compare it to the blessed Word.

We are surely in the evening of time and just a few are getting ready for the great judgment day. My desire and prayer to God is, let's hold on to the gospel; hold up the Church and its teachings. Pray much for me, I am the only one in my home who has salvation. Pray for my family and loved ones.—Mrs. G. C. Church.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:10.

Dist. Y.P.E. and S. S. Convention

The West Frankfort, Ill. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention convened at West Frankfort, Feb. 3. The Holy Ghost was present and manifested Himself in a glorious way. The welcome addresses were given and responded to by the young people. The special singing was given by many singers who seemed to be at their best. The speakers also seemed to be at their best. These were Brother Newton, our state superintendent, Brother Stanley Joplin, Brother Adrian Christy, Brother Melvin Smith, Brother Ermal Summers, Brother Jesse Summers, Brother Thomas, our state overseer, and Brother Hill. We were all inspired and made happy because of the presence of Brother Thomas, our state overseer. Several testimonies were given by newcomers. A healing service was conducted Saturday night by Sister Barbara King and approved of by the Lord. Each church delegation of the district marched to the front and reported. The convention closed with every one inspired and encouraged to go back and work harder for the Lord.—Olen Greathouse and Leonard Newton.

A Friend at All Times

BARTOW, Fla.—I praise my Redeemer for what He is to me and for what He has been. I find Him a friend at all times. Bless His good name.

I especially praise Him for His great divine healing power, for healing my baby when he was ruptured. Oh, He is so wonderful and kind to all of us. Surely we should praise Him all the time. I couldn't begin to tell of the times that God has healed in our home.

I thank God for our pastor and family, Brother and Sister J. W. Allen. Our Sunday School is growing in every way, also our Y. P. E. services are spiritual. The power often falls and the Holy Ghost takes charge. If you are hungry for the old time gospel and power, just come to Bartow Church of God and get your soul fed. Praise the Lord.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I will stand true to Jesus whatever the cost. Pray for my companion and other loved ones who are in sin that they will be saved before it is too late. I feel Jesus is soon coming and I want to be ready and see others ready too. Pray for us.—Sister Sallie Watson, 1075 Dudley Ave.

Rock Hill, S. C. District Y. P. E. and S. S. Convention

The Y. P. E. and Sunday School rally of the Rock Hill, S. C. district convened

in Lancaster, S. C., Sunday, Feb. 12. A wonderful time in the Lord was enjoyed by all. Brother Therrel Wilson, pastor of the Lancaster church, gave a welcome address. Our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother Paul Stover, began the service with a band number.

A large delegation from over the district was present. Much music and singing were enjoyed. The Charlotte quartet was present with selections, also the Fort Mills trio and duet with their music, Lando with her junior quartet selections, the Stover trio, Rock Hill quartet and two duets from Lancaster all rendered some special songs. Brother Stover spoke to us.

The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and really fed our souls while the quartet sang "Feed Me." The rally was dismissed with uplifted hands in praise to God for the best rally ever known on the Rock Hill district. — Josephine Whitesides, Long St., Rock Hill, S. C.

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I praise the Lord for the Church of God here. We have fourteen members. We have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. We love our pastor, Brother Parker, and his wife and daughter. They are a blessing to this place.

My husband, who was saved two years ago, is still on fire for the Lord. I have three daughters filled with the Holy Ghost. I also have three children unsaved. Please pray for them that God will save them before it is too late. Also pray for my husband, my children and me to stand true to God. Pray for this church here that it will shine out.—Mrs. Jocie Jones.

Needs Wonderfully Supplied

MAPLEWOOD, Ill.—We praise the Lord for His wonderful love and presence in our midst. He has been more than good to us. He has wonderfully supplied our needs. After our little church was set in order the enemy fought us on every hand and it seemed that we would go down. We were put out of our little building that we worshiped in, so we had prayer meetings in my home to hold our little band together. We praise the Lord for Brother and Sister Smiddy, our pastor and his wife, for staying with us and helping us to pray and defeat the adversary.

The Lord began to move upon the scene. Praise His name. My unsaved husband gave us privilege to use a lot of his and he also donated a foundation for a small building. At that time we

had only twenty cents in the treasury but our good faithful sisters began to work. My, how we all worked. Our faithful brothers, friends and neighbors lost no time in erecting our little humble church building as the Lord supplied the lumber. A sinner man donated our light fixtures and wired our church.

That was four months ago and our little church will soon be paid for in full. Thank God. We have good services, the Lord honoring us with His presence. His healing power is wonderful in our midst. We have a good band of saints working together in unity and love. Our Sunday School is a blessing to all. We organized with twenty-one and have grown to fifty-four and are still expecting more. Our Y. P. E. is going over the top. We also have a good Junior Y. P. E. These children love their work for the Savior. Our church is growing and many are looking this way.

Pray for us that we will grow and glow more for the Lord. Pray for my unsaved husband and children that they will be brought into the fold, also friends and loved ones of the church members who need to know the Lord as their Savior.—Essie Burris, 770 Mildred.

LANE, Okla.—We praise God for the Church of God at Lane. The devil is fighting so hard, but praise God for a few who have the determination to keep the victory. I thank God for sending Brother Johnnie Moore our way. He is our district overseer. He held us a few nights' meeting and the saints were encouraged to go over the top for God. We are expecting to have our church house finished soon. We want this to be a soul-saving station.

Pray for us that we can know God's will and be ready when He comes or calls, for the coming of Jesus is drawing nigh.—E. T. Glaze, pastor.

News From Independence, Oregon

Our district pastor, J. C. Kimmel, organized our church at Independence, Jan. 22 with eight members. Sister Alma Hume is our leader. We do not have our church house built yet but are building on it. We've been having wonderful services at home and I believe God wants to do wonderful work here. The devil surely has been working and with his best machinery too, but we know God is all powerful and this is God's battle. There were seven saved, two sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Pray for us that we may keep pressing on and go over the top for Jesus.—Mrs. C. M. Turner, clerk, 555 G. St.

God Can Move

Dear Evangel family, I feel impressed to write and ask prayer for the Church of God at Roswell and ask Him who is able to give us a building here. We have

a few of the best saints here we have ever met when it comes to doing all they can. Surely with a few faithful ones God can move. The devil doesn't want the Church of God here. We have only six or seven loyal members but unity prevails and God can move.

We also take this means of thanking our saints in Texas, California, Arizona, Tennessee and Illinois for the beautiful Christmas cards that were so encouraging to us, also a few cash donations and other gifts. The dear saints at Carlsbad sent chicken and other good things to make Christmas happier. We can't, at this present time, answer all who gave presents and cards as finance is so short and we received so many. May the Lord bless each of you. Continue to pray for us.

Our Sunday School has an average of thirty or more. We have a loyal band of Church of God Y. P. E. workers, not so many, but faithful. Just our three boys are the only young folks who belong to the Church of God. Pray that the young girls and boys who are members of the Y. P. E. will get the blessing. They are rendering good service. One girl is a holiness preacher and she helps us also. Pray for the work at Roswell. We want a building and our Father can give us one.

We will be glad to hear from our friends and brethren anytime. Your letters and prayers are encouraging to us. We still stand foursquare for the dear old Church of God and the devil knows it. Visit us anytime while you are passing through Roswell. We are now in the tabernacle out on 11th and Lea. We have a Willing Workers Band getting started also.—M. E. Drake, Gen. Del., Roswell, N. Mex.

Home Coming at Bernard, Ky.

The home coming held at Bernard, Ky. Church of God was a big success. Brother O. J. Plake, pastor, delivered the welcome address, the responses were given by Sister Donnie Plake, president of the W.W.B.'s, E.O. Absher, president Y. P. E., and J. H. Bernard, superintendent of the Sunday School. Brother Boyd Denham, former pastor of Bernard church, brought the message. Special singing was rendered by the Happy Four Quartet, Mrs. Mack Stephens and daughter of Somerset. The afternoon was spent in raising funds to pay off the indebtedness of the church. Enough money was raised and the dedicatory sermon was preached Sunday night by the pastor, Brother O. J. Plake. A large crowd was present.—E. O. Absher, Jamestown, Kentucky.

Lower Rio Grande Valley District Convention

The district convention for the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas was a success and a blessing. Our district overseer

and pastor, Brother J. C. Atkins, was in charge. The messages were delivered by Brother Ed Yancey of Donna, Brother Rome Brous, Brother Scoggins, our state overseer, and Sister Cleo Johnston of McAllen, our pastor giving the welcome address and different ones the responses. Brother Byrns and Sister Sadler conducted praise services and the Lord blessed. The saints shouted and danced all over the house. We had good special singing in each service.

Sunday morning Sister Brous made a good Sunday School talk and Brother Scoggins made a talk on missions. A mission offering in the amount of \$12.00 was taken. We surely appreciate our overseer and long for the time when he can be with us again. Only those present realize what a blessing this convention was.

We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. We appreciate our pastor and his wife, and the interest they are taking in building our new parsonage. We have a fine Willing Workers' Band which is doing good work. We have a good fellowship and unity.

We have service at Donna on Thursday night and at McAllen on Friday night. We hope to establish a church at both places soon. Sister Cleo Johnston is a great help at McAllen.

Preachers everywhere, this valley is a fine, ripe field. There are many places to run revivals. You have a hearty welcome and we will stand by you and pray for you, but do not come for finance. Pray for the work in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.—Mrs. R. O. Woodruff, clerk, 501 W. Stubbs St., Edinburg, Texas.

LAMESA, Tex.—Greetings in Jesus' name. As the sun is shining outside this morning, it is shining in our souls also, but the sun doesn't always shine here because the sand gets to rolling high out here on the plains. Nevertheless, if it does blow, the folks are faithful about coming to church. Just this past Sunday the wind and sand were blowing and it surely was cold, but by the time we got a fire made the people were gathering for Sunday School, wiping sand out of their eyes as they came and I want to say the Lord and the pastors of the great Church that we love so well will praise a people that will go to church in just any kind of weather. The church here is doing just fine. Of course the devil is working, but if we don't meet him once in a while we must be going along with him. So we can say with Brother Paul, "Thank the Lord for tribulation."

The L. W. W. B. and Y. P. E are both busy. We are striving to floor and ceil our church building. Pray for us at Lamesa, Texas.—W. T. Toles, pastor.

Montana Report

To the Church of God ministers, laity and friends everywhere: We are glad that we are able to report some victories in the state of Montana.

It took me some time to get settled in my new pastorate and to begin visiting the churches after I returned from the General Assembly, but we did our best. I believe we can say that in most every church and Sunday School, in almost every department, we have had some gain.

Brothers Glen Pettyjohn and Mervin McCluen of Canada were in the state for a meeting in Lewistown. They did some good preaching and the Lord blessed their ministry with about five saved, I believe. They are fine boys and we give them a welcome back any time.

About a month ago I went to the city of Missoula (where Brother Glen Clark of Sheridan, Wyoming started Sunday School and church some time ago). I went for a week to look things over and preach a few sermons, but at the end of that week the meeting was so good that we feared to quit, so we ran the meeting for three and a half weeks. There were twelve who professed to being saved and others were blessed, but no one prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

At the close of the revival we set the church in order with eleven members and as there were six Church of God people already in the city from other places it makes a total of seventeen members in Missoula. We think we have a fine start and are hoping that by the end of this Assembly year it will be the largest church in the state, and I believe it will.

I am now in Denton, Mont., beginning a revival here tonight. We covet the prayers of everyone for the success of this revival, and pray that God will send us some more laborers in the state. I have to pastor this year and try to be state evangelist too, so don't forget to pray for us. We hope to have something to report often.—M. L. Lowe, Bigtimber, Mont.

Work Looks Favorable

TULARE, Calif.—We praise God for the way He is blessing in the little church at Tulare, Calif. Three months ago we were just a mere handful, meeting and worshiping in one of the Church of God members' homes, and things didn't look so favorable. But, praise God, we still held on and kept believing and God blessed and sent along dear Brother Curtis who held about a two weeks' meeting in our tent. Praise the Lord the seed were sown in good ground. While there was but one or two saved, we can feel God gave us a mighty desire to go on, so we started with seventeen in Sunday School and last Sunday we had eighty-one. Praise God.

Dear old Brother Hamilton of Wichita

Falls, Tex., has been here two weeks helping and visiting homes and praying for the lost. God has blessed him and us and six have been saved during our regular nightly services.

Pray that God will still bless and give us a good church building. Also pray for our dear pastor, Brother Billie Gruggette, and his sweet wife who are working faithfully here. Pray that God will supply their needs.—Sister Mary V. Pitt, Gen. Del.

Power of God Falls in Dist. Meeting

On Feb. 16 we had a district meeting at Pine Grove Church of God and the Lord blessed wonderfully. As the shouts of praise would go up the power of God would fall.

My body seemed to take on new courage and I had a greater determination to work for the Lord. We are looking for the greatest year we ever had on this district. Pray for God's will to be done. Our churches seem to be moving up for we have some of God's best people, some who have the victory. We thank the Lord for every one of them, for we love them so much. They have been so good to us. May God's richest blessings rest on them.

Pray for me that I can be a help to God's people this year.—G. W. Padgett, district pastor, Double Springs, Ala.

The Y. P. E. at Cliffview, Va.

Easter Sunday night, April 1938, a Y. P. E. was organized at Cliffview Church of God by Brother T. C. Wiggins, with a membership of thirty-seven. The Y. P. E. has been very interesting, instructive and enjoyable and has grown until now, ten months later, it has a membership of one hundred and fifty, with an average attendance of fifty-seven and an average of forty-three Bibles since Jan. 1, 1939.

The Cliffview Church of God is very fortunate in having a conscientious and zealous leader and pastor, Brother T. C. Wiggins. Brother Wiggins came to Cliffview in October, 1936. Since he came the church has been painted inside and a piano has been purchased for the church. Besides, nine new members have been received into the church since the General Assembly.—Pearl McBride, Rt. 4, Galax, Va.

The Lord Has Rewarded Them

BISMARCK, N. Dak.—This is the capital city of North Dakota, a city of politics and churches. For the past year or so we have had a few faithful Church of God members who have kept themselves together without a steady pastor. They have been faithful and now the Lord has rewarded them for their efforts.

My wife and I arrived in the city about Dec. 1 and were appointed by our state overseer, Brother D. C. Boatwright, to take care of the work. Our people had

secured permission to worship in one of the grade schools in the city. We arranged to have Brother Boatwright come and hold a revival for us. We began on Jan. 8 and continued for five weeks, closing Feb. 12.

We had a quartet with us. They broadcasted over KGCU, Mandan, every evening during the five weeks of the revival. On the second evening of the broadcast we received a phone call requesting the quartet to sing on KFYR, Bismarck, over a state-wide hook-up. We complied with this request and so twice the quartet was featured thus. This hook-up includes eight stations in North and South Dakota.

Our crowds increased from night to night. Brother Boatwright brought some very wonderful messages. Many declared that they had never heard the truth preached in such a fearless manner before. Though the weather was sometimes unfavorable, people continued to come to services. We estimated the crowd the last night at about 300.

We are happy to report that about thirty-two sought salvation and many of these were adults. A fine group of young people prayed through and received assurance of sins forgiven. We are going to organize a Y. P. E. immediately. We praise God for this revival and the way He has blessed His people here.

Please pray for us that we may secure a permanent place of worship and that the Church of God will move forward in Bismarck.—Ralph M. Bostrom, pastor, 521 13th St.

SEAFORD, Del.—God is blessing in our Y. P. E. Last Sunday our attendance was good and we have on roll now about one hundred members. Twenty have already joined the reading circle. We appreciate our Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother Raymond E. Crovley, of Chincoteague, Va., who was with us all day during our services and gave us a wonderful message. Each of our hearts burned within us while he declared God's wonderful truth. We are hoping Brother Crovley will come again. Continue to pray for the officials of our Y. P. E. Pray a special prayer for our president.—Lloyd L. Palmer, clerk (colored).

LINTON, Ind.—Just a few words in behalf of the church at Linton, Ind. We are proud to have with us Brother R. J. Staats, overseer. We have just closed a successful revival. There were some saved and some filled with the Holy Ghost. We are glad to have with us Brother B. B. Bernard.

Before Brother Staats came the church at Linton had gone down in attendance. In the church there were thirty-five to forty people. Since Brother Staats has come the attendance has gone up to around one hundred and fifty. Brother

Bernard preached to a crowd of five or six hundred people. The Sunday School has increased from forty or fifty to one hundred fifty-six. We believe the Lord is going to give us a good Church of God here.—Carroll Stewart, R. R. 3.

Manatee, Fla. Dist. Convention

Our convention opened Saturday evening at the Church of God at Manatee. Music and special singing was rendered by the Manatee band, under the direction of Brother Key, Brother Luke and his two boys, Brother Kerse's quartet and the Manatee trio, Brother Key's two children, and Brother Vep Ellis. Brother King, pastor at Sarasota, Brother Kerse, Brother Thomas of Wimauma, Brother E. M. Ellis, our state overseer, and Brother Courtesy of Ruskin, were the speakers. We had Sunday School in the morning and reports of churches in the afternoon. At 4:15 the convention closed with prayer by Brother E. Simmons.—Evelyn Witt, 713 16th St., Manatee, Fla.

WILLIAMSBURG, Pa.—I praise the Lord for our work here at Williamsburg, Pa. and for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister C. H. Shaw. They surely are God-sent people. Every department of our church is going over the top for Jesus under their ministry. We also have a fine state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother David Lykens. His life is entirely dedicated to God. This young man is a member of our church and we feel very proud to give him to this office.

We just closed a good revival. Brother H. L. Ramsey of North Carolina was the evangelist. He did some good preaching. Brother Brady Dennis also held us a good Y. P. E. revival. Some were saved and some reclaimed.

Pray for us here and especially for the writer as I am not in the place I would like to be.—Mrs. William Lyons.

All-Day Service at Ephrata, Pa.

God not only gave us a grand day outside for our all-day meeting at Ephrata, Pa., but we also had a grand day inside. The building was well filled. We had soul-stirring singing, accompanied by a splendid orchestra, also accordian music by Brother Mogel of Reading. Lunch was served free to all who had come from a distance. Some of the churches represented were Reamstown, York, Reading, Chester, High Spire, Lancaster, and Newville.

Brothers Thompson, Stoppe, Newbaum, Sullivan, and Defino brought the messages.

The evening service was given over to the Y. P. E. led by Brother Flinchum, district superintendent. This was inspiring and instructive as several leaders

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REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

My eyes to be healed.—Mrs. Nellie Boylan, 1615 N. 2nd St., St. Joseph, Mo.

Little boy to be healed of bad heart trouble; the church here to prosper; God to provide for us financially; my husband to get hungry for salvation; Bobby Russ to be healed.—Mrs. Bill Ogle, Hartwell, W. Va.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; have more faith; husband to be saved.—Mrs. Lula Leonard, Erlanger, N. C.

Me to be healed; to be sanctified and filled with Holy Ghost; family to be saved.—Mrs. Dallie Craig, Erlanger, N. C.

Unspoken request.—Sister Larsen, Lansing, Mich.

Me; for Frank Burchett of Lancer, Ky. to be saved and healed; Brother Milt Moore who was injured in a mine accident.—Thomas Briggs, North Matewan, W. Va.

My eyes to be healed of cataracts; my mother to be healed of chronic ailments; my home to be saved.—Willard Walker, Gen. Del., Shaw, Miss.

The healing of my body which is in a serious condition; me to get closer to God.—Orville Clark, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

Very urgent unspoken request; the healing of my body; loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Carrie Vaughn Coleman, Rt. 1, Milan, Ga.

My sister-in-law who has cancer of the stomach; my little boy who is almost deaf.—Mrs. Chessie Williams, Rt. 2, Cropwell, Ala.

The healing of the following who live at Garrard, Ky.: Holly Hacker, Axie Gibson and Esther Hubbard; a church to be established at that place.—Mrs. Bertha Owens, 1108 E. Long St., Hamilton, Ohio.

God to give us a building and lost souls to be saved; our work is new and needs prayer.—J. H. Pitts, Box 67, Stites, Idaho.

Me to be healed of heart and kidney trouble.—Wm. Pulliam, Narrows, Ky.

Unspoken request.—Martha Crump, Gen. Del., Tolar, Tex.

My husband to be healed of rheumatism and saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Jenie Barnes, Rt. 1, Truman, Ark.

My aunt who is seriously ill with diabetes to be healed. Fast and pray, if led. An anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated. Her address is Mrs. Beulah Zanierwich, Westwood, N. J. Unspoken request.—Mrs. Clara Cross Wiggins, Jesup, Ga.

My husband to be healed of sleeping

spells, if it be His will; the Lord to save him; God to help me bear my suffering; my friend's husband to be saved.—Mrs. L. A. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga

The Lord to heal my grandmother who is blind; to supply her needs and bless her; my husband to be saved; a friend to stand true—Mrs. Willie Wood, Rt. 1, Box 7, Warrenton, N. C.

The healing of my head—Sister Annie Lyod, Warrenton, N. C.

Our revival, also pray for us here.—J. H. Hughes, Canton, Ohio.

A work to be set in order here; my husband and son to be saved and get work.—Mrs. E. V. Powers, Brunswick, N. C.

The healing of my baby's eyes and body; me to be healed of nervousness; unspoken request—Lillie Euline Lee, 1605 5th Ave., S., Decatur, Ala.

Me to get back to the Lord and be healed of high blood pressure, ulcerated stomach, kidney and heart trouble and hemorrhoids; my niece and her husband to be delivered of the drink habit and to be saved.—Miss Ruby Barnette, 451 Beechwood Ave., Anderson, S. C.

Brother Wimer who was in car wreck to be healed; me to stay in God's will.—Sam F. Coulson, Marion, Va.

God to provide some way that we can finish paying for our church.—Nettie Daniels, Box 103, Eupora, Miss.

My father who is near death with cancer; God to save his soul; my mother-in-law who is seriously afflicted; my wife and I have a special request. Will appreciate your prayers so much.—Grover Hays, 793 Pearl St., Pontiac, Mich.

Me to be healed of kidney trouble, rheumatism and nervousness; my unsaved husband, son and his wife to be saved.—Mamie Snider, Rt. 3, Shelby, N. C.

Me to be healed of T. B.; the Lord to encourage me and help me be satisfied while here in the sanatorium. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Mamie Blaylock, Waverly Hills Sanatorium, Second Floor, Waverly Hills, Ky.

Our new work; the enemy is working hard.—Sprinkle Roberts, Guyan, W. Va.

Our revival which starts March 20; my husband to be saved if he is still living.—Mrs. Victoria Shaw, Henderson, N. C.

My body to be healed of flu, cold and kidney trouble.—C. W. Kendall, Yazoo City, Miss.

Me to be healed of a large cancer; please pray with faith, believing that He will heal.—Sarah York, Alarka, N. C.

Our revival, that God will give us many souls.—G. W. Messer, pastor, Box 25, Desloge, Mo.

Several requests; me to stay in God's will; God's will to be done; for the saints at Lavonia and Hartwell, Ga.—H. C. Loftis, 43 Lenton, Ave., Lavonia, Ga.

Revival at Berea, Ky. — Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler, Berea, Ky.

Our success in our revival.—Lloyd L. Palmer, Seaford, Del.

Me to be healed of swelling in my body, also to be healed of hookworms and other troubles; unspoken request; me to always live for Jesus.—Mrs. Julian McLendon, Rt. 2, c/o Mrs. Mattie Ranew, Stillman, Ga.

NOTICES

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Come on, Carrollton, Ga. district, don't forget the date of April 14-16, which is our convention date. We want this to be the best convention that North Georgia has ever had. Pastors, please do your best. Come on with your programs; come on with your reports. Let's co-operate. I believe you will. Come on, make your church the best on the district. Carrollton says we will take care of the delegates, so don't worry about a place to stay. Come on, we are expecting a large crowd and a good time with the Lord. Brother Jernigan will be in charge. You are invited. Come to Carrollton the 14th of April and stay until Sunday night, the 16th. I am sure you will have a good time in the Lord.—J. F. Brown, district pastor, Carrollton, Ga.

The Hattiesburg, Miss. district convention will convene March 17-19 at Morgantown, Miss. instead of Laurel.—Earl Brewer, district overseer.

There will be a home coming at Glassy Mt., S. C. Church of God April 2. Come with victory in your souls and bring well-filled baskets. We are looking for a great time in the Lord. Everybody is invited. Come on, quartets, trios, duets and soloists, and share the blessings of God.—Mrs. Bessie Gosnell, Rt 1, Taylors, S. C.

The West Frankfort, Ill. district convention of the Church of God will convene at the Church of God at Christopher, Ill. March 31-April 2. Brother J. R. Thomas, our state overseer, will be in charge. Come on, saints, let's work to this end. We expect the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be with us. Let's make this the most wonderful convention ever. We invite the adjoining districts and all others to come and be with us. The entertainment will be free. We expect all the churches on the West Frankfort district to call off their services during the convention. Come on, pastors of West Frankfort district, bring a good mission offering and God will bless you.—Ray T. Hill, district overseer, Box 207, Logan, Ill.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Pinsonfork, Ky. Eas-

ter Sunday, April 9. We urge all members to attend this service. There will be all-day services with special music and good singing. Come bring well-filled baskets and an offering for the orphans at Cleveland. We also invite all others who love good services. Don't forget the date, Easter Sunday.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Box 124, Pinsonfork, Ky.

The Pulaski, Va. district Y. P. E. and Sunday School rally will be held at Radford, Va. March 19. We expect every church on the district to be represented. Come on, Sunday School superintendents and Y. P. E. presidents, let's have a great time in the Lord. Remember the time—1:45 p. m. Everybody is invited.—Robert Faye, district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Radford, Va.

The district convention of the Church of God on the Schoolfield, Va. district will convene at Schoolfield, Va. April 14-16. All ministers on the district are requested to have your reports ready and to advertise the convention in your locality and insist that as many of your members as possible attend these meetings.—A. O. Stewart, district overseer.

We are now in a revival at Sebring. God is wonderfully blessing and interest is good. Pray for a great outpouring of His Spirit and power.—W. M. Rumler, 324 Magnolia Ave., Sebring, Fla.

We are in a revival at the Church of God at Gulston, Ky. God is blessing. Pray that God will establish a great work here. We invite all neighboring churches to attend.—L. D. Marlor, Harlan, Ky.

I have no church work given to me but I am planning to work in North Alabama as an evangelist until I am changed. Please pray for me to be successful in winning souls to the Lamb.—J. A. Tant, Rt 1, c/o Skyline Farms, Scottsboro, Ala.

We have just started a meeting at Orlando, Fla. with J. W. Sullivan in charge. Please pray for this meeting.—O. C. Crank, pastor, 13 S. Parramore, Orlando, Fla.

There will be a fellowship service at the Church of God in Acosta, Pa. March 19. The L. W. W. B. of the church will have charge of the dinner. Come spend the day with us.—Wm. Morris, pastor.

There will be a home coming the fifth Sunday in April at the Church of God at Raleigh, N. C. Everyone is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. We are looking for Brothers E. W. Williams and John L. Stephens to be with us. Pray that God will bless.—Mrs. Nova

Liles, Raleigh, N. C.

The Pacific Northwest convention will convene at Wapato, Wash. Apr. 7-9. We will be looking for the ministry and laity to be there, if possible. Please take up an offering at your local church for missions and bring it as a heave offering. Also try to be up on your aged ministers' ten cents per member. Brother R. P. Johnson will be in Oregon on March 29. We will notify the churches of the outline of the program for Oregon, which I believe will be a series of meetings in one of the churches.—J. B. Camp, overseer of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, 4704 S. E. 65th Ave., Portland, Ore.

To the Church of God in Pennsylvania: To the pastors of all the churches in the state, please read beginning with the last paragraph on page 49 of our last Minutes. Easter Sunday was chosen by our last Assembly as a day to dedicate to our orphan children. All pastors will be expected to do this. We are sure our members and friends will respond to their usual liberal manner and send in a handsome offering for these precious ones.

Our state convention will convene in the beautiful Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa. on Thursday, July 6, at 7:30 p. m. Begin now to make ready for this feast of fat things.

Please watch the Evangel for the announcement of our district conventions. If you have not raised your ten cents per member for the aged ministers, please do so at once and send same to your state overseer. Make everything one hundred per cent for the Church of God. You know how it is done, and remember we are depending on you and we do not believe you will disappoint us.—Your overseer, T. S. Payne, Somerset, Pa.

Begin planning to attend the Detroit, Mich. district convention which will convene at Pontiac, Mich. April 28-30, inclusive. Arrangements are under way at present to provide better entertainment and conveniences than ever, so do your part to add to the success of this meeting. There are several new pastors on this district, as well as others, whom you will want to meet and hear. The state overseer, Brother C. H. Standifer, will be in charge. We are expecting you from the two churches in Flint and all others close enough to come.—J. Stewart Brinsfield, district overseer, 5686 16th St., Detroit, Mich.

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES

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were present and each gave a report of the growth of their society.

The power fell at each service and especially in the altar at night when a

young man from High Spire, who had been seeking for nearly a year, was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues for several minutes. A young sister from the same church had a hemorrhage, caused by a bleeding goitre, and was instantly and completely healed when prayed for. To God be all the glory! Others had a fresh infilling and went away feeling they had been drawn closer to God and encouraged to work harder for souls, realizing that Jesus is coming soon.

Our L. W. W. B. is working hard to raise enough money to buy a lot so we can start building. Pray for us that we may be just as busy building for eternity.—Sister McMillen.

Report From N. Woodville, Mich.

N. WOODVILLE, Mich. — The Church of God is holding special meetings and we are praying for a revival. We believe the Lord has raised one up in our midst to hold these services—Brother Kenneth Sweet of Bitely, Mich. Many are being revived and the power of God is being manifested. Please pray that souls will be saved and added to the church.

We are glad to announce that our little church with its loyal members built a new parsonage this fall. It was completed in less than four weeks of actual labor, which was all given by members of the church, and how the Lord did bless. We have a four-room house with full basement and garage in the basement.

Our pastor, Brother Lyle Jackson, and his family moved in the 26th of December and have made a lovely little home of it. They are on fire for God and He uses them in a mighty way. We have a faithful group of the L. W. W. B. We have a good mission spirit in our band and make over clothing to give out, give out food and do whatever we can to help those in need. We have a splendid Y. P. E. and our girls have done some good work. We praise the Lord for the way they have helped us.

We are very sorry to state that one of our dear sisters, Miss Armilene Cousineau, is ill at this writing and not able to be in the gospel work at Big Rapids, Mich. any longer. Brother Cook is there instead. Please ask God to touch her body and restore her health that she may really fight the enemy again, for she truly loves the Lord.

Our former pastor, Brother A. Cross, and his sons were very faithful while we were building our parsonage and worked several days, which we appreciate very much. May the Lord bless and richly reward them for their good work.

We certainly miss Brother Walker and his family and we cease not to pray for them.—Mrs. Viola Bunker, Rt. 2.

The Message and the Messenger

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message you get from Him. You can depend upon any part of the Scriptures, for at 2 Tim. 3:16 we find these words, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." We need not be afraid of any of the Bible. We are to preach all the Word. 2 Tim. 4:2. At Ezek. 3:17 we find these words, "I have made thee a watchman . . . therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me."

How should a messenger of God be treated? Just like you treat the messenger boy who brings your telegrams to your door. You receive the message, you are courteous to him and esteem him very highly for his work's sake, 1 Thess. 5:12, 13. Who is to pay the messenger? The employer, of course; and God has provided a financial system whereby His work shall go forth. At Lev. 27:30 we find these words, "All the tithe of the land . . . is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" Israel understood that system and they brought in "the tithe of ALL things," 2 Chron. 31:5. So the Lord has a storehouse from which His messengers are to draw. If there is not plenty in the storehouse for all His messengers, then somebody is robbing God or wasting that which is holy unto the Lord. Read Luke 10:7 and 1 Cor. 9:7-14.

EDITORIALS

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that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled," Rev. 6: 9-11.

We are sure these are the first martyrs of the tribulation week, after the first seal has been broken, and they cry out to know how long it will be until their bodies will be resurrected. The answer comes back that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren should be killed as they were. This shows that both Jew and Gentile will be killed for Christ during the tribulation week, and many believe that the tribulation saints will be resurrected and get their glorified bodies at the time of the slaying of the two prophets in Rev. 11:7-12, "And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over

them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

Mission Page

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pecting our rewards in yonder city. Praise the Lord.

ON MULE BACK THROUGH HAITI

We left Port-au-Prince by car and rode until we came to steep rock mountains marked by narrow footpaths. The natives had donkeys or horses for us to ride so our party mounted and up the rocky steeps and down in the deep valleys we went mile after mile to first one mission then to another until we visited many. Sometimes we were forced to be late on account of the bad roads and the people would wait for HOURS for us to come. Before we could see the church oftentimes we could hear the singing of the saints. It mattered not what time of day we came they were always there. We had meetings in the morning at seven o'clock with a packed house. They would follow us for five or six miles on foot (BAREFOOT TOO) to the next place of service right after noon and then to another for night. HAITI WANTS THE GOSPEL AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?? HERE IS MY HELP, LORD! I can not go but I will help. Yes, that is the cry of the true child of God.

CONVENTIONS

The conventions were a great success. In one convention I was privileged to baptize forty, and in another place twenty-eight. Great crowds came to two conventions, one near Port-au-Prince and the other in Cayes. God's great presence was with us and all were edified and the work is getting on a more sound footing all the time.

WEDDINGS—WEDDINGS

I have seen about twenty couples married in the two weeks I have been in Haiti. This is on account of the Church of God in America helping. Yes, helping! You remember last Assembly, money was being raised to help the people of Haiti marry. Well, many couples have lived together for years, raised large families and were never married. Why? Couldn't get cash enough on hand to buy a two dollar marriage license, and a dollar and a half birth certificate. They would come to meeting and get saved and cry at our doors to be taken into the Church and be baptized in water, but

could not because they were not married. Well, you have helped many, many of these precious people and they are grateful to you. If you wish to help by sending two dollars for the marriage fund, send same to Mission Board and they will forward it here.

FINANCE

There is hardly any money in Haiti. I read a financial report which stated that the circulation of money in the entire Island of Haiti amounted to *ninety cents* per person per year. How would you like to live on ninety cents per year? Some do not get a penny a year. They eat what they grow, take what they grow to market and exchange it for what the other gardener grows, etc. Many dress in rags and I have seen some who did not even do that much hardly. They couldn't. Much more I could say but time and space will not permit, but remember the mission fields when you pray that God will undertake in these last days. It seems people are so hard in America to reach but we who do know the Gospel must press the battle hard until the Church of God is preached in the world beyond our shores. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:45 p. m. Odie Smith in charge.

WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC. Each Sunday from 7:15 a. m. to 8:00 a. m. E. S. T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WTBM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m. A. O. Stewart, district overseer. KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Each Sunday 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. H. E. Ramsey in charge.

WFBC, Greenville, S. C., 1300 KC. Each Sunday from 7:00-8:00 a. m., E. S. T. Earl Pault, pastor.

WMFD, Wilmington, N. C. Each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:45 p. m. H. T. Durden, pastor.

KADA, Ada, Okla., Feb. 16, 10:00 a. m. E. T. Curtissinger, pastor.

WSOC, Charlotte, N. C. Each Saturday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. Charlotte and Belmont, N. C. Churches of God, W. M. Stallings and A. V. Childers, pastors.

WSTP, Salisbury, N. C. 1500 KC, Kannapolis, N. C. Church of God, each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

WDOD, 1280 KC, Chattanooga, Tenn. Each Saturday 1:15-1:45 p. m. South Cleveland Church of God, J. S. Barnard, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God. Each Sunday 3:00-3:30 p. m. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

KOCA, Kilgore, Tex. 250 watts, 1200 KC. R. E. Wright.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Sunrise service, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:30-7:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:30-7:15 a. m. The Gospel Band, Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p. m. C. W. Dempsey, pastor.

KSAM, Huntsville, Tex. Each Sunday at 3:15 p. m. Conducted by Wm. R. Fowler.

Young People's Department

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Ghost still reigns in my heart.

Oh, I want to stand true to my Savior and be ready when He comes or calls for me. I earnestly desire the prayers of all God's children that I may ever be at my best for Jesus.—Mary Frances Polston.

Babylon Is Fallen

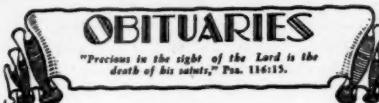
We find that Babylon represents, from the tower of Babel on down, the forces that are opposed to God. Babylon is also confusion. Truly there is confusion in the churches and among professors. Isaiah tells us that, All like sheep have gone astray, and turned every one to his own way. Truly men and women, boys and girls are turning to their own ways. They will not allow God to show them and lead them in the true way.

We find that many churches of today are gradually drifting back into the world. So Babylon must also represent a body of false believers because the world worships with her. Soon we find her sins (Babylon's) have reached to heaven. God forbid that we should become so ungodly. It was by departure from God and alliance with the heathens that the Jewish church became a harlot; and Rome, corrupting herself in like manner by seeking the support of worldly powers, received a like condemnation. God forbid that we should do such a thing.

Babylon is said to be "the mother of harlots." By her daughter must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. Rev. 14, announcing the fall of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Therefore it cannot refer to the Roman Catholic church alone for that church has been in a fallen condition for many years.

Let's every one examine ourselves, and if we find that we are drifting into the condition that we are classed with Babylon, let's turn quickly and repent, then when we hear the voice saying, Come out of her, my people, we can obey the call.—Louva Griggs, Sedan, N. Mex.

Some people would have to be what they are not, before they could act out what they profess to be.



TILLIS

Sister Nancy Tillis, member of the Church of God, died Feb. 9, 1939; age fifty years.—Mrs. L. J. Key, Chiefland, Fla.

MILLER

Marjorie Ruth Miller, faithful member of the Sunday School and Y. P. E., died March 4, 1939; age seven years, two months and twenty-four days.—Mrs. T. J. Kernal, Nashville, Tenn.

MCCULLAR

Brother W. A. McCullar, faithful member of the Church of God at Fitzgerald, Ga., died Feb. 4, 1939 at the church service; age fifty-six years.—His wife, Mrs. W. A. McCullar, Fitzgerald, Ga.

RAYHILL

Sam C. Rayhill, father of Evangelist D. C. Rayhill and faithful member of the Church of God at Mitchell, Ky., died Feb. 22, 1939; age sixty-eight years and twenty-seven days.—Chas. E. Lockard, pastor.

SIMS

Joe David Sims was born Feb. 21, 1939 and died Feb. 24, 1939.—Albert Teaster, pastor, Dunlap, Tenn.

PATTERSON

Sister Babe Esther (Hodo) Patterson, age forty-six years, died Feb. 17, 1939.—B. D. Smith, pastor.

LETT

Brother Belfield Lett, faithful member of the Church of God at Buhl, Ala., died Feb. 25, 1939; age eighty-nine years.—B. D. Smith, pastor.

WHITEHEAD

Sister Mary Whitehead departed this life Feb 2, 1939.—Dewitt C. Sharpe, pastor, Morgantown, Miss.

TILLER

Sister Cora Tiller, oldest member of the Council, Va. Church of God, died Feb. 8, 1939.—Mrs. Virdie Tiller.

LYLE

James Clifford Lyle was born July

28, 1888 and died Jan. 27, 1939.—Sophie Merseal, Stonewall, Ark.

McCoy

Brammer McCoy, husband of Flora McCoy, was born July 6, 1859 and died Nov. 19, 1929; age seventy-years, four months and thirteen days.

Sister Flora McCoy, member of the Church of God, died Feb. 8, 1939; age seventy-two years, one month and eight days.—G. H. Brewster, West Virginia.

LOCKAMY

Sister Rosa Lockamy, faithful member of the Church of God at Dillon, S. C., died Dec. 30, 1938; age forty-one years.—Mrs. E. V. Powers, Brunswick, N. C.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

California-Nevada—(Corona) — March 24-26

Washington-Oregon—April 7-9

Montana—(Bigtimber)—April 7-9

Illinois—April 20-23

South Carolina—April 27-30

Indiana—May 4-7

Maryland-D. C.-Delaware- E. Virginia— May 11-14

Iowa—May 26-28

Annual Gen. Assembly (colored), Jacksonville, Fla.—May 22-28

Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10

Florida State Convention—June 2-3

Pennsylvania—June 9-11

Ohio—June 15-18

North Carolina—June 15-18

Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25

Michigan State Convention—June 23-25

Virginia—June 23-25

Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26- July 4

Kansas—June 29-July 2

Northwest Convention—July 1-4

New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9

Missouri—July 7-9

Oklahoma—July 14-16

Mississippi—July 14-16

Arkansas—July 21-23

West Virginia—July 21-23

Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.

Kentucky—July 28-30

Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6

Texas State Convention—August 4-6

Alabama Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6

Alabama State Convention—Aug. 4-6

Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-14

Georgia—August 10-13

Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25

Tennessee—July 27-30

Louisiana—August 24-27

Maine—September 14-17 or Aug. 17-20